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Co-operative farms

* 955 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any specific scheme for promoting the creation of co-operative farms in the National Extension Service and Community Project areas; and

(b) how many State-aided co-operative farms are now working in the State?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) There are 30 State Aided Land Colonisation Societies in the State—22 for Harijans and the landless poor and 6 for ex-Servicemen organized in Government lands and 2 organized in private lands taken on long-term lease."

Sea erosion near Palakkode, Chirakkal taluk

* 956 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been sea erosion continuously for the past two years near Palakkode bar near Puthiyangadi in Madayi firka in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to stop further sea erosion in the area and to prevent damages to the properties of the people residing in the locality?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The damages were not so serious as to necessitate any immediate remedial measures by Government."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, I do not know where the Hon. Minister got the information that the damages were not serious. I myself went to the place and found that property worth Rs. 15 lakhs were damaged due to sea erosion and about 2,000 coconut trees were washed away. Something has to be done urgently as sea water is rushing and submerging so many acres of land, resulting in heavy and grave loss of property. Sea water may extend upto Pazayamadu Railway Station; that is the position. In view of all this, may I request the Hon. Minister to make an enquiry into the matter? "

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, the only source for us to get information is from the Collector and the Collector has stated that some portions of the land and a few—*a few*—coconut trees were washed away due to erosion and an acre and a half of private land and foreshore were submerged; the river had also altered its course on account of erosion. Then the Chief Engineer,